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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Stewart", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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